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SUBJECT: EGYPT "NOT OPPOSED" TO UNGA HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE  
RESOLUTION

REF: SCOBNEY-RICCIARDONE E-MAIL

Classified by Ambassador Ricciardone for reasons 1.4 (b) and  
(d).

(C) During an October 5 meeting with Foreign Minister Ahmed  
Aboul Gheit, the Ambassador asked that Egypt support the  
draft UNGA-60 Holocaust Remembrance resolution currently  
under discussion in New York. Aboul Gheit stated plainly  
that Egypt would "not stand in the way" of the resolution's  
passage. He instructed his Chief of Staff to send a message  
to the Egyptian Premrep in New York not to oppose passage of  
the resolution. Aboul Gheit further suggested that the GOE  
Premrep's expressed views (ref email) may reflect views of  
the Arab Group in New York - presently led by Egypt - but not  
the position of the GOE. Nevertheless, Aboul Gheit said  
Egypt would use the opportunity to "speak our minds." We  
will remind those European states that now come to us as  
"prophets of virtue," he said, that it was they who sent  
their Jewish citizens to the Nazis - "not us."

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